

COUNTRY: RUSSIA

SUBJ: TAKE 2 OF 2 -- 'EXTRACTS' FROM BARANNIKOV CRIME REPORT

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TEXT:

((TEXT)) A VISIT TO YEKATERINBURG AND TYUMEN IN JANUARY, CONVERSATIONS WITH THE LEADERSHIPS OF REGIONS AND MAJOR ENTERPRISES IN INFRASTRUCTURE INDUSTRIES, AND DISCUSSIONS OF QUESTIONS RETARDING THE NORMAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE ECONOMY MADE IT POSSIBLE TO ELUCIDATE AT LOCAL LEVEL IMPERFECTIONS PROMOTING THE COMMISSION OF LAW VIOLATIONS VERGING ON CRIMES IN THE DEFENSE AND ENERGY COMPLEXES.

ONE GENERAL UNHEALTHY TREND WHICH WAS NOTED IS WHEN STATE BANK STRUCTURES ALLOW UNJUSTIFIABLY LONG DELAYS IN THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM CONSUMERS OF OUTPUT. ENTERPRISES ARE THEREBY ARTIFICIALLY

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PREVENTED FROM BOTH PAYING THEIR WORKERS AND EMPLOYEES ON TIME AND PLANNING INVESTMENT AIMED AT STABILIZING AND EXPANDING PRODUCTION. THIS GIVES RISE TO DISSATISFACTION AMONG ORGANS OF POWER AT ALL LEVELS AND CREATES ALL KINDS OF CORRUPT POLITICAL CLANS WHICH PREY ON THE AMORPHOUSNESS OF POWER AND THE OBSOLETE LEGISLATIVE BASE. HERE TOO THE CONDITIONS ARE CREATED THAT ENABLE VARIOUS KINDS OF PRIVATE FIRMS AND ASSOCIATIONS TO FLOURISH, OFFERING THEIR SERVICES IN THE PURCHASE OF, SAY, OIL FOR LARGE SUMS IN CASH. IN OTHER WORDS, THE CONDITIONS FOR "LAUNDERING" CAPITAL OBTAINED BY MIDDLEMEN.

HEREIN LIES THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM NOT ONLY FOR RAW MATERIALS REGIONS, BUT ALSO FOR THE MIGHTY INDUSTRIAL REGIONS OF SIBERIA, THE NORTH, AND THE FAR EAST. FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF THE PROSPECT OF SAFEGUARDING RUSSIA' ECONOMIC SECURITY, THESE REGIONS ARE EXTREMELY VULNERABLE.

PLEASE DO NOT NUMBER OUR DEPARTMENT AMONG THE DIEHARD CONSERVATIVES. THE SECURITY MINISTRY IS PERHAPS BETTER EQUIPPED THAN ANY INNOVATOR TO PRODUCE ARGUMENTS TO JUSTIFY THE INEVITABILITY OF AND NECESSITY FOR REFORMS. BUT IT MUST BE OBSERVED THAT THE EMPHASIS ON CHAOTIC PRIVATIZATION HAS LED IN A NUMBER OF CASES TO A CRISIS IN THE MECHANISMS FOR MONITORING THE UTILIZATION OF STATE PROPERTY. THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS INEFFICIENT AND EVEN SELF-SEEKING UTILIZATION HAS BECOME TOTALLY INDISTINCT.

WE HAVE IDENTIFIED THE FOLLOWING AMONG THE PRIORITIES RECEIVING CLOSE ATTENTION FROM ORGANIZED CRIMINAL GROUPS, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SPECULATORS ((AFERISTOV)), AND ALSO SPECIAL SERVICES: RAW MATERIALS, TECHNOLOGY, AND SEMIFINISHED GOODS CONTAINING NUCLEAR COMPONENTS.

I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT DESPITE VARIOUS KINDS OF SPECULATION ON THE "NUCLEAR THEME," THE SECURITY MINISTRY IS IN POSSESSION OF THE INFORMATION AND IN CONTROL OF THE SITUATION. FALSE REPORTS OF THE MASS LEAK OF NUCLEAR COMPONENTS ARE INSPIRED BY PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BRING RUSSIA AND ITS POTENTIAL UNDER SO-CALLED INTERNATIONAL CONTROL, AND ALSO TO REDUCE OUR COMPETITIVENESS. BUT PREVENTIVE MEASURES ARE EXTREMELY NECESSARY. WE ARE ALREADY ON THE BRINK OF SEEING OUR CONTROL GO OFF BALANCE.

ORGANIZED CRIME IS ALREADY DEALING IN THE RUSSIAN GENE POOL. HEALTHY RUSSIAN CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN PLACED IN CHILDREN'S HOMES BY FORCE OF CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE BECOME AN OBJECT OF CRIMINAL INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

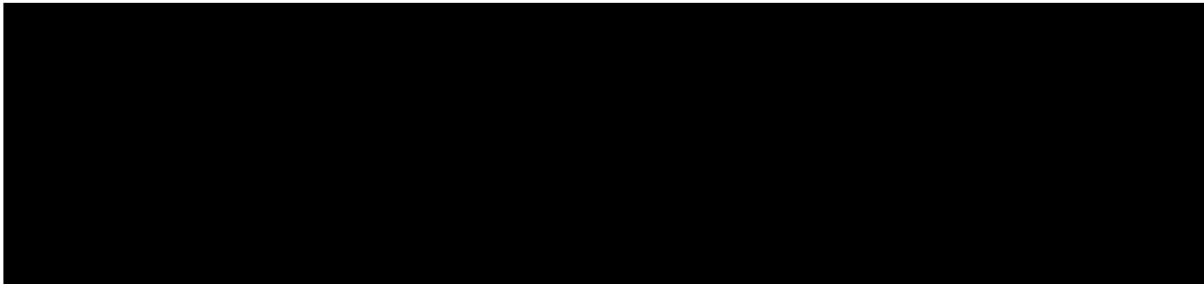
THERE IS A "BRAIN DRAIN" TOWARD CRIMINAL STRUCTURES. THE SECURITY MINISTRY HAS INFORMATION THAT IN THIS SPHERE THERE IS INTEREST IN: PSYCHOACTIVE PHARMACEUTICALS; TECHNIQUES OF HYPNOSIS, LONG-TERM PROGRAMING OF THE HUMAN PSYCHE, AND CONTROL OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S BEHAVIOR AND CONDITION; AND THE UTILIZATION FOR CRIMINAL PURPOSES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO POSSESS EXTRAORDINARY CAPABILITIES. //

THERE IS ANOTHER ASPECT OF THE PROBLEM THAT REQUIRES FULL CLARITY. RUSSIA HAS ALREADY BEEN DRAWN INTO THE SPHERE OF UNIFIED CRIMINAL FORMATIONS WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE CIS AND IS ON THE BRINK OF BECOMING INVOLVED IN THE UNIFIED SPHERE OF ACTIVITY OF ORGANIZED

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CRIME IN EUROPE AND THE WORLD. I THEREFORE RESOLUTELY SUPPORT THE INITIATIVE ON CREATING A CIS INTERSTATE ORGAN TO COMBAT ORGANIZED CRIME. THE RIGHT THING TO DO WOULD BE TO CREATE SHARED INFORMATION AND RESEARCH SYSTEMS AS A PRIORITY, AND AT THE NEXT STAGE MORE MOBILE JOINT SUBUNITS, AND POSSIBLY JOINT INVESTIGATIVE ((POISKOVYKH)) SUBUNITS, AND TO IMPROVE COORDINATION OF OPERATIONS AT RUSSIA'S ENTRY AND EXIT POINTS.

I HAVE DELIBERATELY AVOIDED GIVING FIGURES CHARACTERIZING THE LEVEL OF CAPABILITY OF RUSSIA'S SECURITY ORGANS AND BORDER TROOPS. THAT WOULD TAKE TOO LONG. AND THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION SECURITY MINISTRY ISSUES SUCH INFORMATION REGULARLY. I WILL ONLY SAY THAT THE NUMBER OF CASES ACTUALLY INVESTIGATED WHICH FALL WITHIN THE "ABSOLUTE COMPETENCE" OF THE SECURITY ORGANS HAS INCREASED 150 PERCENT.



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